Third Annual Children’s Book Sale Nets
$3,600 for Library Programs and Materials

From October 1 through October 5, the Friends of the Westfield Library conducted its Third Annual Children’s Book Sale. More than two dozen energetic volunteers sorted and organized over 2000 children’s and teens’ books, both hardcover and paperback, as well as DVDs, all of which had been donated by local families.

Categories included alphabet books, baby “board books,” picture books, early readers, chapter books of all levels, and a wide variety of non-fiction titles as well, ranging from animals and biographies to holidays, sports, and transportation. Separate sections were set up for fiction favorites such as Disney books, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Harry Potter, and more.

Many parents and teachers expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to purchase quality children’s books at such bargain prices. They also appreciated the spacious layout, permitting both adults and children of all ages to browse comfortably and even to find a place on the floor to sit with a newly-discovered title.

This year’s sale resulted in a profit of $3,600, which will be used to purchase materials and programs for the library.

Library Director Phil Israel said, “Once again, I must thank the Friends for all that they do for the Library. Their many hours of work for the Children’s Book Sale have paid off handsomely, and we look forward to the delight that our young patrons will experience, enjoying the extra programs the Friends provide.”

See page 11 for the Friends Special Winter Programs for Children.

Five-year-old Ava Braddock, daughter of Lisa, one of the Friends’ volunteers, studies a book for possible purchase at the Children’s Book Sale.
Dear Fellow Westfielders and Other Library Supporters:

As the year ends, I’d like to extend the Library Foundation’s warmest thanks to the many whose ongoing generosity continues to support one of our town’s greatest institutions, the Westfield Memorial Library.

A year ago at this time, Westfield residents were still picking themselves up and making much needed repairs to homes and businesses damaged in Hurricane Sandy. And no one can forget the great role the Library played in the town’s hours of need. With lights and heat that were never more welcoming, the Library stayed open later for so many who truly needed shelter in the storm. The Library staff performed in exemplary fashion. The Foundation took action as well, expediting a substantial grant to cover purchases of new computers and chairs, thus replacing and adding to items in great demand during those trying weeks.

More recently, as times thankfully have returned to “normal,” the Foundation has extended $4,000 to the Library to replace furniture in the popular Young Adult section of the Library. And as always, we stand ready to do more—with your help. The Library Foundation is a non-profit 501c(3) charitable organization dedicated solely to the financial support of our town’s Library. A small, all-volunteer staff means the Foundation, approaching its fifth year, has practically no overhead.

Donations are welcome at any time and are fully tax deductible. Some may wish to consider the possibility of establishing an endowment or making a bequest to the Foundation. Others may want to consider Donor Advised Funds, such as those offered through investment companies Fidelity, Vanguard and Schwab. Such funds offer donors tax advantages and relieve them of administrative headaches and costs, giving them an easy and effective way to support charities of their choosing. Please contact fund sponsors directly for more information.

Thanks very much for your support. There is no shortage of community spirit in Westfield, and with everyone's help, the Library continues to remain a thriving and satisfying experience for every adult and child in Westfield. For more information about the Foundation and how to donate, you can call 908.248.4542, or visit our website, WMLFoundation.org. Brochures also are available at the Circulation desk.

Sincerely,

Roger Sullivan
President, Westfield Memorial Library Foundation
“Sharing the Warmth” Knitting and Crocheting Group
Donates 55 Afghans to Camp for Children with Cancer

For the past two and a half years, the Friends Group, “Sharing the Warmth,” has been knitting and crocheting blankets for the campers at Camp Happy Times. Funded by and under the auspices of The Valerie Fund, Camp Happy Times is for children who are currently undergoing or have had cancer treatment. Every summer the Camp hosts children ages 5-21 for one week of overnight camp in August.

This year the Friends were able to increase their donation to a record number of 55 afghans! Chairperson Diane Weinberg would like to thank the following volunteers: Dottie Kellogg (15 afghans), Linda Kolterjahn and Carol Sammarco (6), Carole Smillie (4), Betty Webster and Diane Weinberg (3 each), Jeanne Goldstein, Louise Hamilton and Barbara Uhr (2 each) and one blanket each from Terri Benn, Pat Bonardi, Carlene Dunne, Ann Harris, Lynne Hartzell, Betty Kopf, Bernadette Kunz, Fran Lemberg, Barbara Nafranowicz, Elena Nazzaro, Rosemarie Noone, Betty Sayre, Holly Schlobohm, Diane Singleton, Mary Wislocki, Anne Yearley and Jane Zimmermann. Special thanks to Carole Smillie and Lynne Hartzell for assembling multiple blankets made up of squares, to outstanding photographer Linda Reich, and to Jennifer Schulze, Head of Adult Services, for coordinating meeting dates and space.

The next meeting dates are December 10 and 19. For further information on the times, please contact friendsofwml@gmail.com.

Join the Friends in 2014! Our yearly membership campaign begins January 1st. Pick up a membership form at the library or download a form from the Library’s website under the “Support Your Library” tab.

Save the Dates for the
Friends Book Discussion Group!
The Friends Book Discussion Group will meet in the Community Room on Wednesdays: January 15 at 1:30 p.m., and March 19 and May 21 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss Dear Life, In the Time of Butterflies and Pope Joan respectively. These books can be borrowed through the Library or an Interlibrary Loan. All are welcome to join the Friends for lively discussions!

See page 6 for the Friends Black History month program
Adult Programs for the Winter

**Downloading Zinio Magazines**  
**Monday, December 2 and Monday, January 6 at 6:30 pm**  
**OPEN TO WESTFIELD PATRONS ONLY**

Have you tried your library's new service, Zinio Magazines? This interactive presentation (not a hands-on workshop) is designed to answer all your questions about the digital magazine service called Zinio. Zinio recreates a magazine page for page, including full-color pictures, intuitive navigation, key word article search and interactive elements such as audio and video. Zinio is accessible through PCs, MACs, iPhones, iPads, Androids, Kindle Fire/FireHD, Nook HD/HD+, and BlackBerry Playbook. Andrew Gross, a representative from RBdigital Recorded Books, presents this fantastic service, and goes through all the steps you need to view and download titles. A wonderful way to take advantage of your mobile device!

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**The Art of Gratitude**  
**Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm**

What if gratitude was not just a concept, but it was something you could actually touch with your hands? Connecting to a true sense of gratitude can bring so much more meaning to the holidays. In this workshop, artist Wendy Rosenberg explores creative ways to make gratitude fun...not just something we "should" do, but something that we can't resist doing because it is so enjoyable and the effects are so powerful. You will leave the workshop with a completed poem and a "Gratitude Garland," which is a lovely decoration for your home, to remind you of your greatest gifts throughout the holidays and winter season.

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**The Art of Giving**  
**Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 pm**

This time of year is focused on giving. While the holidays often emphasize giving and receiving tangible products, giving from the heart is often the most meaningful gesture of all. We just need to open our minds and imaginations. In this workshop, Wendy Rosenberg guides us through creative exercises that explore the role of service in our lives. You will both honor the ways you have given to others in the past, and discover new opportunities for sharing your gifts in the future. We look at service through a lens of creativity and fun, and discover the most meaningful gifts are often the most simple.
After stepping on her bathroom scale in the summer of 2010, Diana Worden Karmin finally decided that at 52 years old and weighing 263 pounds, it was time to escape from the crushing chest pains, the nearly crippling joint pain, and the deepening depression with a goal of getting under 200 pounds. By January 2011, after months of dieting and exercise, she slipped into a pair of size 16 jeans and felt absolutely triumphant. Eighteen months later, Diana had not only met—but far exceeded her original goal—by (ever so briefly) fitting into a size 2. Over her lifetime she’s worn every size from a 22 to that elusive size 2...which explains why she now owes Lord & Taylor over $3000! Diana has documented her lifelong struggles with weight and disordered eating in her book by blending soul-baring vignettes with a healthy dose of humor.

Diana lives in Westfield, with her husband, his two adult children, and their Miniature Schnauzer that she spoils rotten. After a 30-year absence from school, she enrolled in Union County College, where she maintains a 4.0 GPA, in pursuit of a Communications degree. Diana is also a level one certified personal trainer.

How to Create a LinkedIn Profile
OPEN TO WESTFIELD RESIDENTS ONLY
Wednesday, January 15 and February 12 at 6:30 pm
Note Earlier Than-Usual-Start-Time

A Hands-on Workshop. You MUST register as seating is limited. You may bring your own laptop or tablet. Please let us know if you need to use one of our laptops

Most employers automatically turn to LinkedIn to research potential job candidates and a recent poll said that 89% of companies plan to recruit through LinkedIn. If you don’t have a LinkedIn profile, you will miss out on some valuable job search opportunities. Nancy Anderson is the President of Blackbird Learning Associates, a job search training company. Nancy has over 25 years’ experience in Human Resources, Learning & Development and relationship management in the pharmaceutical, finance and insurance industries. During her career, she has trained thousands of domestic and international employees for high profile firms. She is also the author of Job Search for Moms.
Even More Adult Programs

Chris Messineo presents
“We Woody Allen and The Art of Infidelity”
Saturday, January 18 at 2:00 pm

No modern writer and director is more prolific or iconic. Drawing equal inspiration from Groucho Marx and Ingmar Bergman, the films of Woody Allen can be hilarious or tragic, but are always filled with his signature style and a fascination for affairs of the heart. Come explore “The Art of Infidelity” as we study scenes from “Manhattan,” “Hannah and Her Sisters,” “Crimes and Misdemeanors,” and “Match Point.” Chris Messineo, Director of the New Jersey Film Institute, is a thoroughly entertaining and knowledgeable speaker. Don’t miss this presentation!

The Friends of the Library Celebrate Black History Month with
“From the Mississippi Delta”
The Memoir of Playwright Endesha Ida Mae Holland
Wednesday, February 5 at 7:00 pm
Open to the public but you MUST register for this popular event!

A fascinating, true-story play about the life of an amazing woman who started life in poverty, and became a professor and well-known playwright. The play is a memoir of Endesha Ida Mae Holland who was born in Greenwood, Mississippi, experienced poverty, racism, and tragedy, and soon drifted to prostitution. An unlikely encounter with a man who worked for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee pointed her in the direction of what would become her passion, the Civil Rights Movement, and meetings with Dr. Martin Luther King and other prominent Civil Rights figures. After she enrolled for courses at the University of Minnesota, it took her thirteen years to complete her Bachelor of Arts degree in Black Studies, but she continued with her studies to receive her PhD. When she died in 2006, the former poverty-stricken girl and prostitute was an acclaimed playwright ("Second Lady Doctor," "The Reconstruction of Dossie Ree Hemphill," "From the Mississippi Delta"), Professor Emeritus of Theater at the University of Southern California, and handed the key to the city of her hometown. This gripping drama is performed by Lisa Fleming, Renee Williams, and Sandi Jackson, all marvelous and accomplished performers. Register now!
Learn How to Control Your Clutter!  
Monday, February 10 at 6:30 pm

Back by popular demand! Presenter Karen Camden helps you to get organized and reduce the clutter in your life. To do this, she will help you define your habits, eliminate time wasters, and set goals and priorities. Each student will be asked to fill out a clutter control worksheet.

Karen Camden is the President of Camden Associates, a consulting firm that provides services in Communications and People Skills, Organizational Assessments and Clutter Control. Put this date on your calendar right now and remember to sign up!

See page 8 for Karen’s Springtime Gardening Program.

Nobody Owns the Sky: Four Fearless Female Flyers  
Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 pm  
Open to the public but you MUST register for this popular event!

Before Amelia Earhart's famous exploits, female flyers had already proved that aviatrices were every bit as brave and daring as their male counterparts. Flying in flimsy wood and canvas biplanes, Harriet Quimby, Katherine Stinson, Bessie Coleman and Elinor Smith awed and thrilled people on the ground—executing audacious acrobatic aerial maneuvers, soloing across the English channel, setting records, barnstorming and buzzing beneath all four New York bridges. Undaunted by male skepticism, they were determined to show that anything that men could do, they could do better! Inexplicably, these women's astonishing accomplishments have been largely forgotten. Come hear historian Carol Simon Levin bring their colorful stories to life!

To register for this or any other event, visit www.wmlnj.org and click on the Calendar link or call 908.789.4090, extension 0.
The Final Page of Adult Programs … and Computer Classes

How to Interview for Success
Saturday, February 22 at 2:00 pm

Nancy Anderson is back to present an informative program designed to give job seekers the tools they need! This program focuses on the three major types of interviews: networking, telephone and face-to-face. Participants will practice interviewing using their own skill sets. She will also review interview flow and anticipated questions. Nancy Anderson is the President of Blackbird Learning Associates, a job search training company. Her company provides job search training and consulting. Nancy has over 25 years experience in Human Resources, Learning & Development and relationship management in the pharmaceutical, finance and insurance industries. In her career she has led the training projects for many high-profile company initiatives. She has worked for Johnson & Johnson, the CIT Group, The Bank of New York and the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies. During her career, she has trained thousands of domestic and international employees.

It’s Almost Spring … Learn the Basics of Gardening
Saturday, March 1 at 1:30 pm

Let’s make this the year you design the garden you’ve always wanted! Learn about soils, tools, watering and how to choose the right plants for your yard’s conditions from presenter Karen Camden. Be the envy of the neighborhood!

Winter Computer Classes for the Advanced Learner

Keyboard, mouse, copy and paste skills are strictly required for all classes!

Prezi: An Introduction
Thursday, January 9
7:00-8:30 pm
If you want to enhance your presentations (or help your children enhance theirs), then this class is for you! Prezi is a program that lets you dynamically present information. Rather than a flat slideshow, Prezi lets you zoom, spin, and travel through presentations. Prezi is a free, cloud-based (i.e. web-based) program.

Advanced Word: Using the Insert Tab
Thursday, February 6
7:00-8:30 pm
This version of our popular Advanced Word class focuses on using Word’s Insert ribbon. You’ll learn about using tables, pictures, shapes, covers, flow charts, graphs, hyperlinks, headers and footers, Word Art & Drop Cap. You must already know the basics of Word. You may bring your own laptop.

Advanced Word: Page Layout, Review, and More
Tuesday, March 11
2:00-3:30 pm
This version of our popular Advanced Word class focuses on using Word’s Page Layout and Review Ribbons. We learn about adjusting margins, page orientations, columns, watermarks, colors, and how to manipulate photographs and drawings. You may bring your own laptop.

Sign up online at www.wmlnj.org and click on the Calendar link. These classes have limited space.
TGIF! Fridays: An Exciting Series of Programs for Adults
Movies, Music and More—All Free
Light refreshments served. All programs begin at 1:30 p.m.
A fun way to socialize and make new friends.
No registration necessary. For further information about TGIF programs, please call the Reference Department at 908.789.4090, X 7950.

WALT DISNEY
December 6
Explore the life and career of the man who enhanced America’s love of cartoons and created a whole new vacation fantasy.

TRAVEL: SPAIN, SWITZERLAND, AND AUSTRIA
December 13
Visit the city of Santiago de Compostela in Spain, experience Christmas in Vienna, and discover the mountainous beauty of Switzerland.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK:
“HOLIDAY INN”
December 20
Starring Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire, Marjorie Reynolds

NO TGIF — DECEMBER 27
NO TGIF — JANUARY 3

CLAUDIE MONET
January 10
Examine the life and works of one of the great Impressionists.

ANDREA BOCELLI
January 17
Enjoy this concert of arias and popular songs that Bocelli and others performed in Tuscany.

JOHN WAYNE
January 24
Learn about the life and career of one of the most influential actors in Hollywood.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK:
“BIRTH OF THE BLUES”
January 31
Starring Bing Crosby and Mary Martin

SHIRLEY TEMPLE
February 7
Learn about the life and career of this child star and political figure.

WORDS AND MUSIC BY JERRY HERMAN
February 14
Follow the rise of this songwriter from his off-Broadway revues to his Broadway triumphs.

CAROL CHANNING
February 21
Explore the life and career of this outstanding Broadway legend.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK:
“BRIGADOON”
February 28
Starring Gene Kelly, Van Johnson, and Cyd Charisse

Please Note: All programs are videos or lectures unless otherwise noted. Weekly topics are subject to change.
Special Teen Programs

Are you a teen interested in breaking into the art biz? Is a career in exhibiting and selling your artwork in your future?

Saturday, January 11, 2014
1:00 to 2:00 pm
Ages 13 – 19
And parents

Join professional artist, Sandra Frank, for an informative presentation on the realities of this career. This program will help you find out where to show and sell your work and determine how much money you can earn. You will learn how to:

- Present yourself and your talent in a professional way
- Handle rejection and move on to something better
- Create a following to get those repeat customers

Online Registration begins December 1, 2013. Open to the public. To register, visit our website www.wmlnj.org, then click on Calendar.

It's that time of year again ...and the Library is here to help with

Teen Study Hall Nights for Mid-term Exams

Monday, January 27 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Saturday, February 1 1:00 to 4:30 pm
Sunday, February 2 1:00 to 4:30 pm
Tuesday, January 28 4:00 to 10:00 pm
Wednesday, January 29 4:00 to 10:00 pm
Thursday, January 30 4:00 to 10:00 pm

Note: Extended Hours for Three Nights!
Friends Programs For Children Winter 2014

For the enjoyment of all, children MUST be the correct age for any program they attend and have a full-service Westfield Library card in their name. To register visit our website, www.wmlnj.org, then click on Calendar. Any questions, please ask a Youth Services Librarian.

Live Animal Friends
Eyes of the Wild gives young children a first “look and touch” experience with the amazing world of animals.
**Date:** Saturday, January 11, 2014  
**Time:** 10:30-11:15 am  
**Ages:** 3 years & up
Open to Full-Service Westfield Library Card Holders only. Registration required for all children/adults attending the program. Use library card number to register each person.  
**Online Registration Begins on December 1, 2013**

Great Reptiles
Presented by Bill Boesenberg of Snakes-n-Scales. Come learn about – and meet – a nearly 100 lb American Alligator, a 6 ft Water Monitor Lizard, and the beautiful gentle giant, Hernia, a 100 lb Burmese Python.
**Date:** January 18, 2014  
**Time:** 10:30-11:15 am  
**Ages:** 4 years & up
Open to Full-Service Westfield Library Card Holders only. Registration required for all children/adults attending the program. Use library card number to register each person.  
**Online Registrations Begins on December 1, 2013**

Meet Eugene with Yosi
Songs, stories and humor with Singer Yosi and Eugene, the puppet.
**Date:** January 25, 2014  
**Time:** 10:30-11:15 am  
**Ages:** 3 years & up
Open to Full-Service Westfield Library Card Holders only. Registration required for all children/adults attending the program. Use library card number to register each person.  
**Online Registration Begins on December 1, 2013**

Nappy’s Shadow Puppets Sing Along
Join in the fun as Nappy’s Puppets presents some of the silliest songs around at this interactive performance!
**Date:** Saturday, February 1, 2014  
**Time:** 10:30-11:15 am  
**Ages:** 3 years & up
Open to Full-Service Westfield Library Card Holders only. Registration required for all children/adults attending the program. Use library card number to register each person.  
**Online Registration Begins on January 1, 2014**

A Night of Astronomy
Join Amateur Astronomers Inc., from the Sperry Observatory, for a fascinating talk about the night sky, followed by a chance to view the sky through telescopes provided by the group.
**Date:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Age:** 5 years & up (and parents)
Open to Full-Service Westfield Library Card Holders only. Registration required for all children/adults attending the program. Use library card to register each person.  
**Online Registration Begins on January 1, 2014**

Dinoman
Bob Lisaius & Giant Blow-Up Dinosaurs
Dinosaur tracks lead right to the library! Have no fear, Dinoman is here! With magic, merry mayhem, and magnificent props, the audience is taken on a trip throughout the Mesozoic era.
**Date:** Saturday, February 22, 2014  
**Time:** 10:30-11:15 am  
**Ages:** 5 years & up
Open to Full-Service Westfield Library Card Holders only. Registration required for all children/adults attending the program. Use library card to register each person.  
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**Online Registration Begins on January 1, 2014**

Jenifer Slaw Juggler
Professional juggler Jen Slaw delights and instructs in this dynamic interactive show!
**Date:** Saturday, March 8, 2014  
**Time:** 10:30-11:15 am  
**Ages:** 3 years & up
Open to Full-Service Westfield Library Card Holders only. Registration required for all children/adults attending the program. Use library card number to register each person.  
**Online Registration Begins on January 1, 2014**

Native American Story-telling with Beverly Friend
Native American Beverly Friend invites preschoolers (and their grown-ups) to participate in some fascinating traditional Native American tales, told in a fun and interactive presentation.
**Date:** Saturday, February 8, 2014  
**Time:** 10:30-11:15 am  
**Ages:** 3 years & up
Open to Full-Service Westfield Library Card Holders only. Registration required for all children/adults attending the program. Use library card number to register each person.  
**Online Registration Begins on January 1, 2014**
For the enjoyment of all, children MUST be the correct age for the story time program they attend and have a full-service Westfield Memorial Library card in their name. Any questions, please ask a Youth Services Librarian.

**Chess Club for Kids**
Chips sets are available for kids to play each other. Bring a friend or make a new one!

**Dates:** Fridays, December 6, January 3, February 7
**Time:** 3:45 to 4:30 pm

There is no age requirement, but children must already know how the chess pieces move.

Open to children who have their own full-service Westfield Library card. No pre-registration required.

Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

**Paws to Read**
Our friendly library dogs love to be read to ... by youngsters who need practice reading aloud to loving, non-judgmental ears. Cold winter days are just right for snuggling up to a warm dog and sharing a good book.

**The first Tuesday of the month:**
**Dates:** December 3, January 7, February 4
**Time:** 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Open to children who have their own full-service Westfield Library card. No pre-registration needed. Sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

**Zumba Fun!**
This modified version of Zumba is designed specifically for children to help improve motor coordination and listening skills.

Join certified Zumba instructor Andrea Lawson for this high-energy dance activity featuring Latin music. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers.

**Dates:** Fridays, December 6 & December 13
**Time:** 10:30 to 11:00 am

Age: 2 years old

Open to children who have their own full-service Westfield Library card. No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

**LEGO Club**
Use your imagination to create great LEGO structures!

Open to children in grades 1 through 5 (No kindergarten).

**Dates:** Fridays, January 17 - February 21
**Time:** 10:00 to 10:45 am

Ages: 4 & 5 years old

Open to children who have their own full-service Westfield Library card. Parent or caregiver attends child. No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

**LEGO K Club**
A special LEGO winter session for Kindergarteners ONLY! Use your imagination to create awesome LEGO structures.

**Dates:** Wednesdays, January 8, 15 & 22
**Time:** 3:45 to 4:30 pm

**Grade:** Kindergarten students only

No Pre-Registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

Child MUST be in Kindergarten and have a full-service Westfield library card in his/her own name.